

## **New Jersey Meadowlands Commission**

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## NJMC To Display 'Nature of the Meadowlands' Photos in Exhibit at the Flyway Gallery

Exhibit Will Run Through the End of January

LYNDHURST, N.J. – Photos from the recent New Jersey Meadowlands Commission "Nature of the Meadowlands" photo contest will be on display at the Flyway Gallery in the NJMC Meadowlands Environment Center in Lyndhurst from Jan. 4 to 31, 2006.

"These works portray the beauty, wilderness and urban complexity found here in the Meadowlands District," said NJMC Executive Director Robert Ceberio. "These works are from artists, photographers and nature observers who live here in the Meadowlands and who have a unique and intimate understanding of the provocative scenery found right in our own backyards."

After the exhibit, the photos will be on permanent display throughout the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission offices and education areas.

Of the 92 submissions, Diane Cismowski of Secaucus won \$500 for First Place for her photograph titled, "The Balance." Laura Rodrigues of North Arlington won \$250 for Second Place for her photograph called, "Meadowlands Dusk." Third Place, for \$100, went to Donna Hewa of North Arlington for her photograph titled "Breakfast Buddies."

Three honorable mentions were also named including Angel Reytor of Jersey City for "Migrate in the Meadow," Thomas Yezerski of Rutherford for "Cedar Stumps and Koelle Boulevard," and Timothy Adair Griffith of Secaucus for "The Great Egret in Flight." Winners and honorable mentions were selected by the NJMC's Arts Advisory Board.

The contest was open to amateur photographers who reside in the 14 Meadowlands District Municipalities -- Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Little Ferry, Lyndhurst, Moonachie, North Arlington, Ridgefield, Rutherford, South Hackensack and Teterboro in Bergen County; Kearny, Secaucus, Jersey City and North Bergen in Hudson County.

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